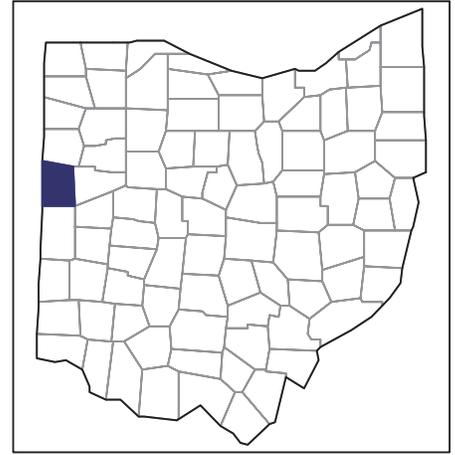


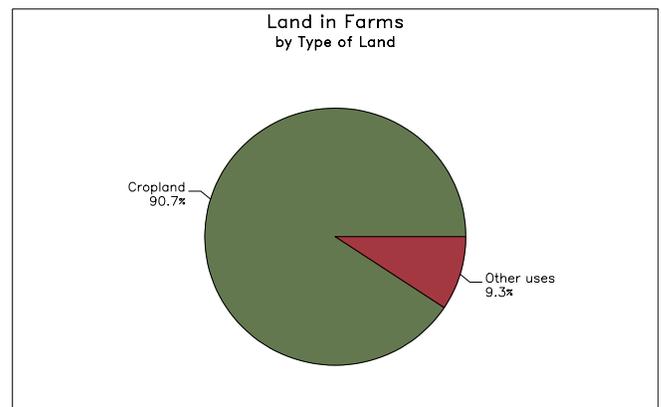
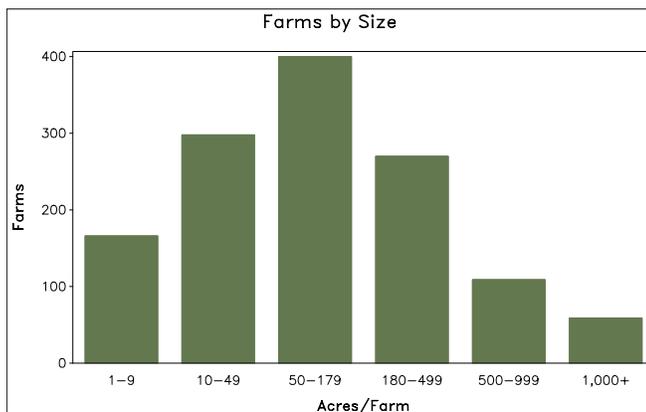
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mercer, Ohio



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,302	1,268	+ 3
Land in Farms	293,026 acres	268,569 acres	+ 9
Average Size of Farm	225 acres	212 acres	+ 6
Market Value of Production	\$535,189,000	\$277,372,000	+ 93
Crop Sales \$94,280,000 (18 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$440,909,000 (82 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$411,051	\$218,747	+ 88
Government Payments	\$6,660,000	\$7,060,000	- 6
Average Per Farm	\$6,435	\$9,451	- 32



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Ranked items among the 88 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	535,189	1	88	51	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	94,280	8	88	411	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	440,909	1	88	35	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	92,454	5	88	258	2,933
Tobacco	(-)	(-)	12	(-)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	258	68	88	1,390	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	597	58	87	1,324	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	830	55	88	1,731	3,054
Poultry and eggs	231,198	2	88	21	3,020
Cattle and calves	36,589	1	88	325	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	67,440	2	86	102	2,493
Hogs and pigs	104,480	1	88	27	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	493	4	88	254	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,875
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	8,013,436	2	88	3	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	1,257,726	3	86	9	2,627
Turkeys	1,236,645	1	85	23	2,371
Hogs and pigs	273,762	1	88	50	2,958
Cattle and calves	79,058	2	88	232	3,060
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	101,078	3	88	278	2,634
Soybeans for beans	100,178	11	87	169	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	24,072	6	87	450	2,481
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,990	26	88	1,211	3,060
Corn for silage	15,891	2	86	65	2,263

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	162	Farming	675
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40	Other	627
\$2,500 to \$4,999	49		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	66	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	90	Male	1,234
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34	Female	68
\$25,000 to \$39,999	106		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	42	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	144		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	155	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	133	American Indian or Alaska Native	(-)
\$500,000 or more	281	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	409,831	Black or African American	(-)
Average per farm (\$)	314,771	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	1,922
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	136,866	More than one race	(-)
Average per farm (\$)	105,120	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.